

## Meeting Notes

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Chancellor's Community Forum  
August 26, 2009  
6:30 pm  
Savoy Elementary School  
Facilitator: Panel of Chiefs

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### Overview:

The Chancellor introduced the chiefs and each chief commented on the initiatives they would be leading in 2009 - 2010.

### Attendance:

40+ community members

### Notes:

Issue	Comments
	Kaya Henderson, Deputy Chancellor, discussed reform efforts being made in Human Resources, the rollout of a new teacher evaluation system, and work beginning on an evaluation of principals.
	Richard Nyankori, Deputy Chancellor for Special Education, discussed the progress being made in reallocating funds to better serve students, regaining the trust of families, and the focus on the inclusion of students with learning differences in classrooms with their general education peers.
	Michael Moody, Special Advisor for Academics, discussed the implementation of the Teaching and Learning Framework, the focus on instruction and the new catalyst schools that will be implemented next year.
	Peggy O'Brien, Chief of the Office of Family and Public Engagement discussed increasing school's capacities by increasing parental involvement; ways DCPS is encouraging two way communication with families and the community through a new website, community forums and other venues, including the chancellor's "office hours" which will begin in October. She also mentioned expanding the ways

	<p>that parents and the community can be involved in the decision-making processes such as the facilities and programming committees for the new Eastern High School (similar committees will be created for the new Woodson HS) and input into the school scorecard. Additionally, parent advisory groups for principals (Local School Restructuring Teams/LSRTs, School Improvement Teams/SITs) are being reviewed and restructured to be standardized and functioning city-wide.</p> <p>Abigail Smith, Chief of Transformation Management and Operations, discussed several initiatives including raising parent and community members' awareness and excitement that "DCPS is back"; the second year of the Capital Gains pilot; and making the out-of-boundary process and pre-kindergarten lottery easier and more transparent for parents.</p> <p>Anthony Tata, Chief Operating Officer, discussed efforts to simplify procurement, save money, and make things easier for principals by having a weekly meeting with schools' business managers, and having FAQs on the website.</p> <p>Noah Wepman, Chief of Finance, discussed changes implemented to make the process of paying staff more efficient; efforts to track and pay vendors on time; provision of more financial information to those interested in DCPS finances, including expenditures, quarterly reports and end-of-year financials, posting more information on the DCPS website; and linking the budget to strategic goals.</p> <p>Jim Sandman, General Counsel, discussed the work of his office including overseeing compliance, working closely with the Office of Special Education to help parents resolve issues without going to court, and responding to requests of DCPS colleagues.</p>
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